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Dial Confirmed as Chief Administrative Officer

FREDERICK, MD – County Executive Jan Gardner today announced the appointment of Paul Dial as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for Frederick County Government. The County Council confirmed the appointment this afternoon with a 7-0 vote. Mr. Dial had been serving as Acting Chief Administrative Officer since June 10.

"I am pleased to make Paul's appointment permanent. He has done an outstanding job managing the county divisions, problem solving issues, and communicating across divisions and agencies," Executive Gardner said. "Paul brings extensive historical knowledge and experience in county government. He is an exceptionally strong leader as well as an outstanding communicator and experienced fiscal manager."

As CAO, Mr. Dial oversees daily operations for all 17 divisions under the direction of the county executive. Prior to being appointed Acting CAO in June, Mr. Dial spent 20 years as Director of the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation. In that role, he managed 80 year-round and approximately 250 seasonal employees at park locations and on the county's security and custodial staffs.

Mr. Dial succeeds Doug Browning, who served as CAO from January 5, 2015, until June 10, 2016.

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